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28 July 2010, 1000 – 1100 hours, The ARENA, Caserma Ederle

Agenda

- ❖ Introduction/Master of Ceremony – Public Affairs Office
- ❖ Volunteers of the Month
- ❖ Yard of the Month
- ❖ Hot Topic(s)
- ❖ Community News
- ❖ Community Issues – Open & New
- ❖ Open Forum



USAG Vicenza Yard of the Month

COL Daiga
Commander, USAG Vicenza



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YARD OF THE MONTH

IS PRESENTED TO

THE MEDINA FAMILY

A great deal of hard work and dedication has gone into maintaining your home and yard, while meeting the other demands of daily life. You have inspired other residents to take pride in the appearance and upkeep of the exterior of their quarters and yards. You have done an exemplary job of meeting this challenge. Thank you for playing such a vital role in portraying a positive image in our community.



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CSM, USA
GARRISON COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR

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“SUPPORT AND DEFEND!”



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Hot Topics



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Back to School Calendar

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September 2 – First Day of School Grades 1 through 12 and PCSD

September 2 – Kindergarten Open House

September 2-9 – Kindergarten Home Visits

September 6 – Labor Day Holiday / Italian Day of Rest

September 10 – Grand Opening of New Schools

September 10 – First Day of Kindergarten

September 16 – First Day of Sure Start (4 year olds)

September 16 – School Open House at the Post Theater, 1630-1830

September 16 – Grand Opening of Villaggio CDC



Early School and Sports Physicals and New Health Center Transition Update

- Health Assessment Dates
 - Tuesday, August 10, 2010
 - Tuesday, August 17, 2010
- By appointment only
- Open to ages 5 years and up
- 14 years and up may be unaccompanied
- Patients will arrive on the hour and be seen in order of arrival
- Must bring physical form filled out
- Must bring shot record to receive immunizations

- Children with chronic medical conditions (ie. asthma, ADHD) should NOT book appointments for these dates. Due to time constraints, please book an appointment during regular clinic hours.
- Please plan ahead and use either the Health Assessment Days or Regular Wellness Appointments. To facilitate the transition into the New Health Center NO exceptions will be made for last minute physicals.
- Please Call 044471-7484 to book appointments or use Tricare Online at www.tricareonline.com

Transition Update

- Closed 23 – 26 SEP (THURS-SUN) to move
 - care at San Bortolo to include deliveries
 - plan ahead for pharmacy refills
- Targeting 27 SEP to open
 - depends on furniture, medical equipment, computer/phones, and security system installation
- Grand opening ceremony 7 OCT (closed all day)

Coming New Services

New, enhanced services coming to VHC:

- Mammography
- Same Day Surgery – GYN, other surgeries added gradually
- MRI – Approved, anticipated FY12
- TRICARE – New contract begins 1 SEP
 - All beneficiaries will receive information packets
 - Imperative DEERS enrollment information updated



AT Awareness Month August 2010

- Directed by HQ, Department of the Army
- Purpose: Instill heightened awareness and vigilance throughout the Vicenza Military Community to protect USAG Vicenza critical resources from acts of terrorism
- Key messages:
 - A threat to U.S. Army installations and personnel exists
 - Army activities and people remain vulnerable
 - Vigilance and awareness coupled with timely reporting of suspicious activities can counter the terrorist threat
 - “It takes a community to protect a community.”

- Awareness Displays at PX (3 Aug), Dining Facility (16 Aug), and Villaggio Shoppette (26 Aug) with:
 - AT/Residential handouts
 - Giveaway training aids
 - Name the iWatch Program Contest
 - “Keeping Vicenza Safe and Secure” Essay Contest
- Demonstrations of Military Working Dogs, Explosive Detection Equipment, Vehicle Searches, Suspicious Package Handling (5 and 19 Aug)
- Awareness Training at Post Theater, 1430 to 1600hrs – 3, 17*, 24, 31 Aug
 - *17 Aug training will be conducted in Italian

- Popular, FREE AT-themed movie viewings @ Post Theater,
 - 3 Aug – United 93
 - 10 Aug – The Kingdom
 - 17 Aug – Good Morning, Night (Italian with subtitles)
 - 24 Aug – Rendition
 - 31 Aug – Unthinkable

- Vice Chief of Staff video shown on AFN channel

- AFN radio broadcast on AT themes
 - Q&A
 - Announce essay contest winners

- Display of AT related books and handouts at Library
(all month)



Lion Shake '10



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Who: Community 1st responders, Medical and Host Nation

What: Garrison Vicenza's annual full-scale force protection exercise

When: **22 Sep 10** at approximately **0830 - 1200**

Where: DoDEA, CDCs and CYS, PX, and other activities on post

Why: To fine tune our Emergency response capabilities for the community, **shelter in-place and lock downs**

These activities will **impact** our community on post until approximately **1200 hours**.

There may be traffic congestion at gates during this time frame



Walk 4 Freedom

Total Miles Traveled as a community:
92,620 miles



Reminder: Please submit log to Wellness Center (BLDG 112)

For further information contact:

DSN: 634-8828, CIV: 0444-72-8828

Office Location: BLDG 169, Second Floor





Army Continuing Education System (ACES) News

New MYCAA Financial Assistance Guidelines

Effective 0800 (EDT) Monday, October 25, 2010

- Available to Spouses of Active Duty Service Members in pay grades E1-E5, W1-W2, and O1-O2
- Maximum benefit of \$4000 w/ FY Cap of \$2,000. (Cap Waivers for Certification and Licensure programs up to Maximum \$4000)
- Requires Completion of Program of Study within three years of start date of first course
- Limited to Associate degree, Certification and Licensure Programs
- Official Source for additional details:
<https://aiportal.acc.af.mil/mycaa/>

University of Maryland University College Europe 60 Years Overseas Anniversary Celebration

The Arena
Friday, 6 August 2010
1130 – 1500

- Open to entire community – Free food and drinks
- Free bowling, t-shirts, prizes and giveaways
- Europe and Middle East-wide cake cutting at noon
- Also celebrating the opening of new Vicenza National Testing Center
- Contact DSN 634-7055



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National Testing Center – Vicenza

(Starts Testing on 11 August 2010)

Available Online Exams:

- **CLEP** – Receive college credit by earning qualifying scores on any of 34 examinations. Disciplines include composition, literature, foreign languages, history, social sciences, science, mathematics, and business. CLEP Web site: www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/exams.html
- **DSST** – College credit is available in 37 unique subjects. Disciplines include business, humanities, mathematics, physical science, and more. DSST Web site: www.getcollegedcredit.com/resources
- **Pearson VUE** – Many professional licensures and certifications are available with a wide variety of information technology (IT) examinations to include Cisco, Linux, Novell, and CompTIA. Pearson VUE Web site: www.vue.com/military/exams
- **Prometric** – Comprehensive testing and assessment services to include Microsoft, Apple, and many more IT-related examinations, as well as additional academic, professional, government, and corporate testing. Prometric Web site: www.prometric.com

Contact DSN 634-7055 or visit

http://www.ed.umuc.edu/general_info/testcenter/index.html#launch



Super Sign-Up Fair

Community Super Sign-Up Fair

- Super Sign-up Fair will be held on Wednesday, 8 September from 1100-1600 in the Fitness Center (BLDG 112)
- Garrison and Private Organizations throughout post can display information and future planned events.
- Customers can enroll for activities or programs
- Signup deadline for organizations to participate is 6 August.
- call DSN: 634-5087

Community Calendar – August

August – Anti-Terrorism Awareness Month

August 2-6 – CYSS Yoga Clinic (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

August 9-13 – CYSS Triathlon Clinic (9:30-11:30 a.m.)

August 13-16 – USAREUR Training Holiday

August 25 – Back To School Town Hall (6:00-7:00 p.m.),
Villaggio (TBA)

August 26 – Women’s Equality Day, details TBA

No InfoX in August



Community Calendar – September

September – Emergency Preparedness Month

September 2 – First Day of School

September 3-6 – USAREUR Training Holiday

September 6 – Labor Day Holiday / Italian Day of Rest

September 7 – Italian Day of Rest

September 8 – Italian Holiday (Vicenza Only) Feast of the Virgin Mary

September 8 – Community Super Sign-Up

September 10 – First Day of Kindergarten / Grand Opening of New Schools

September 10 – 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

September 16 – First Day of Sure Start (4 year olds) / Grand Opening
Villaggio CDC

September 18 – Community Fun Run, 8:00 a.m.

September 22 – Lion Shake Emergency Preparedness Exercise

Community News – Service Providers

- ❖ DES
- ❖ DFMWR
- ❖ DPW
- ❖ DHR
- ❖ DOL
- ❖ DPTMS
- ❖ AAFES
- ❖ DoDEA
- ❖ Religious Support Office
- ❖ Installation Safety Office
- ❖ EEO
- ❖ 509th SIG BN
- ❖ HRO
- ❖ AFN
- ❖ Health Clinic
- ❖ Dental Clinic
- ❖ 266 Financial Management Center
- ❖ Installation Legal Office
- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ Health Promotion
- ❖ DECA
- ❖ USO
- ❖ PAO
- ❖ IG



Community Issues

OPEN – 0

NEW – 1

DPTMS 10-654 Flags at Half-Staff

Scope: Would it be possible to send out some sort of broadcast email message when the flags on post are at Half Staff to explain the reason why the flags are being flown at Half Staff? The flags are often at Half Staff and the general post population has no idea why. Keep people informed, keep them aware.

Agency Response: DPTMS: The United States flag is flown at Half Staff on the following dates, and is also lowered to Half Staff when directed by the President of the United States. The garrison DPTMS sends a notification to all Units when the aforementioned message traffic is received from the Department of the Army.

In concert with this, we also respect our Host Nation and we lower the flag to Half Staff when they lower theirs.

Flag at Half Staff (DoDI 1005/06 dtd Mar 27 08):

May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 31 - Half Staff till noon then raised to the top of the staff for Memorial Day

Sep 11 - Patriot Day

Oct 3 - National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service (first Sunday in Oct)

Dec 7 - National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Vicenza Much MORE (MMs) - August

Aug. 15: Ferragosto – Italian National Holiday

Local Festivals:

- **Aug. 6-8: Beer Festival** – Recoaro Terme, about 34 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local dishes, free beer tasting, entertainment for children, live music and shows.
- **Aug. 6-15: Sopressa Festival** – Valli del Pasubio, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Food booths featuring sopressa (Vicentine sausage) and other local products, old trade show, bonsai exhibition, local handicrafts sale, bingo, and fireworks
- **Aug. 15: Trout Festival** – Arsiero Sports Center, about 28 miles north of Vicenza.
- **Aug. 12-15: Cyclamen Fest** – Fontanelle di Conco, 29 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths, entertainment, and live music starting at 9 p.m.
- **Aug. 21-22: The Porchetta (Roast suckling pig) Festival** – Carrè, about 22 miles north of Vicenza.
- **Aug. 26-29: Celtic Folk Festival** – Valstagna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Traditional Celtic food and Celtic folk concerts, craft fair, children's theater fantasy workshops, games, and face painting.

Aug. 29: Antique Market – Piazzola sul Brenta, more than 700 vendors.

Vicenza Much MORE (MMs) - September

Sept. 8 is the **Blessed Virgin of Monte Berico** celebration. This is Vicenza's patron saint. Most stores will be closed.

Local Festivals:

- **Sept. 3-6** - Fish Festival – Costabissara
- **Sept. 4-5** - Ceramic Festival - Nove
- **Sept. 4-12** - Gnocco Festival – Selva di Trissino
- **Sept. 10-12** - Live Chess Game – Marostica
- **Sept. 10-16** - Soco Fair – Grisignano
- **Sept. 24-26** - Grape and Wine Festival – Gambellara

Sept. 26 - Antique market - Piazzola sul Brenta



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Open Forum

InfoX Schedule

No August InfoX

29 September 2010

27 October 2010

24 November 2010

InfoX is held the last Wednesday of the month, excluding December.

Methods to Submit a Community Issue

**USAG Vicenza Website: <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil>,
hover over “Contact Us”, click on “Info-X”, then “Click to
Submit”.**

EMAIL: Community.issues@eur.army.mil

AFN HOT LINE AT INFO X: DSN 634-7411, CIV 0444-71-7411

**InfoX POC: USAG VICENZA Customer Service Officer,
PAIO, DSN: 634-6426, CIV: 0444-71-6426,**

**Next InfoX is 29 SEPTEMBER 2010, 1000 – 1100 hours, The
Arena, Caserma Ederle**